(*b*) *De-notified Tribes.*— Out of Rs. 3,45,000 provided during the year under report, an amount of Rs. 2,41,537-43 was spent. The schemes included were starting of residential schools, craft centres for girls, supply of bullocks, poultry, milch-cows, seeds and manure, reclamation of land, organising craft co-operatives, etc.

The working of the Department was generally satisfactory.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Mysore,

B. G. ACHIA,

Under Secretary to Government,
Planning, Housing and Social Welfare Department.

PUBLIC WORKS SECRETARIAT

Issues further clarification to the Government letter No. PWD 17 SAD 62, dated 22nd January 1963 to Chief Engineer (Gl) *re.* Delegation of Powers to the Executive Engineers to entrust works on piecework system up to a limit of Rs. 10,000 at schedule rates.

REFERENCE—

1. Government Order No. PWD 15 SAD 60, dated 15th February 1960.
2. Government Order No. PWD 17 SAD 62, dated 27th February 1962.
3. Letter No. WM-I/SC-I/III-50/61-62/875, dated 30th March 1962 from the Accountant General, Mysore, Bangalore.
4. Letter No. SO/774/61-62, dated 20th March 1962 from the Chief Engineer (C&B),
5. Correspondence ending with letter No. IPH-229-Mis (d)/60-61, dated 27th February 1963 from the Chief Engineer (General).
6. Correspondence ending with U. O. note No. SO/148/63-64, dated 16th April 1963 from the Special Officer, P.W.D., Bangalore.

PREAMBLE—

In Government Order No. PWD 15 SAD 60, dated 15th February 1960, pertaining to delegation of powers to the P.W.D. Officers, the Executive Engineers can let out works without calling for tenders up to Rs. 5,000 at current schedule of rates. Subsequently, the Chief Engineer, I.P. with the approval of the Major Irrigation Projects Control Board, recommended to raise the limit of such powers of the Executive Engineers up to Rs. 10,000. This recommendation has been approved by the Government in G. O. No. PWD 17 SAD 62, dated 27th February 1962.

2. The Chief Engineer (Communications and Buildings) in his letter, dated 20th March 1962 has expressed the view that the Government order of 27th February 1962 enhancing the powers to Rs. 10,000 would contravene (i) the provisions of para 56 of the Mysore Public Works Accounts Code wherein it has been laid down that piece work system shall be adopted, if either there is no response from the contractors or the rates quoted are prohibitively high bearing no comparison with the sanctioned estimated rates or the current schedule of rates and that such cases should be reported to Government and (ii) the provisions of rules regarding classification and registration of contractors in Mysore State, under which Class V Contractors were entitled to do works estimated up to Rs. 5,000 and Class IV Contractors up to Rs. 25,000.

3. The Chief Engineer (General) in his letters dated 27th November 1962 and 27th February 1963 has recommended as follows :—

(i) Executive Engineers should be allowed to execute works by piece work up to Rs. 20,000.
(ii) Superintending Engineers up to Rs. 50,000, and
(iii) Chief Engineers up to Rs. 1,00,000.

4. In Government letter No. PWD 17 SAD 62, dated 22nd January 1963, a reply has been sent to the Chief Engineer (General) that the limit of Rs. 10,000 has to be adhered to and that there would be no bar to any number of piece workers being employed for the same work subject to the limit prescribed in Government Order dated 27th February 1962 provided, of course, if the work is susceptible of being given to a number of piece workers for execution.

5. In his letter dated 27th February 1963 the Chief Engineer (General) has interpreted the Government letter dated 22nd January 1963 as admitting of splitting up of works costing more than Rs. 10,000 for entrusting them to a number of piece workers.

In view of this it has been found necessary to clarify the position in regard to the Government letter.

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On examination of the implications contained in the Government letter No. PWD 17 SAD 62, dated 22nd January 1963 to Chief Engineer (Gl.) it is found these instructions do not admit of dividing a large work costing more than Rs. 10,000 into bits and being entrusted to a number of piece workers. It has been laid therein that "the limit of Rs. 10,000 would have to be adhered to". This limit of Rs. 10,000 read in the context of the previous sentence in the Government letter, mean not only the limit of piece work but also the cost of work. To avoid any ambiguity in this regard, it is clarified that it is obligatory to adhere to the codal requirements given below :—

(1) No work shall be split up just to bring it within the monetary limit of sanction of any officer other than the one competent to accord such sanction for the work as a whole ; and

(2) No work shall be given for execution to piece workers or contractors by negotiations ; without calling for competitive tenders, as a rule.

It is therefore directed that :—

(1) The Present powers of the Executive Engineer to entrust works costing less than Rs. 10,000 to piece workers need not be further enhanced.

(2) No such powers need be delegated to the Superintending Engineers and Chief Engineers, since piece work system is to be applied only to works costing less than Rs. 10,000.

(3) Only works estimated to cost less than Rs. 10,000 should be entrusted to piece workers by the Executive Engineer.

(4) in all other cases of works costing more than Rs. 10,000 invitation of competitive tenders as per rules is obligatory.

(5) If there be no response from contractors or the bids are too high in the case of works costing more than Rs. 10,000 approval of Government may be sought for splitting the works to enable entrusting the same to piece workers at schedule rates, and

(6) without such approval of Government no work costing more than Rs. 10,000 shall be split up.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Mysore,

K. C. BOTHE,

Under Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department. Services C.